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In re the Application of: Chee et al.)	
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For: **Computer-Aided Visualization And Analysis System For Sequence Evaluation**

PETITION REQUESTING WITHDRAWAL OF HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

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Sir:

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Applicant respectfully submits that the Notice of Abandonment mailed May 5, 1998, (Exhibit A) in connection with the above-identified patent application is improper and respectfully requests that this Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn and that the USPTO correct its records accordingly.

A Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due and a Notice of Allowability were mailed on April 29, 1997 (Exhibit B). A Part-B issue fee transmittal form was not provided by the PTO. Instead the Applicant filed the Issue Fee Transmittal on July 29, 1997 in response to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due (Exhibit C). The issue fee transmittal authorizes that our Deposit Account No. 19-0733 may be charged for any deficiencies in the enclosed fees. A copy of a postcard indicating receipt of these documents by the USPTO is also enclosed (Exhibit D). Please note that the postcard

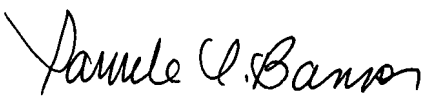
was stamped August 4, 1997 even though the documents were mailed with a certificate of mailing dated July 29, 1997.

It is respectfully submitted that the papers filed July 29, 1997, constitute a full and complete response to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due and Notice of Allowability mailed April 29, 1997. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn, that the USPTO correct its records, and that this application promptly be passed to issuance.

Since the mailing of the Notice of Abandonment was due to a Patent Office error, no fee is believed to be required. However, should the Patent Office determine that a fee is required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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